

WAS NO EXCUSE FOR IT

The Shooting of Frank Brogan by Police Officer Capron.

TOO READY WITH HIS REVOLVER

An Investigation to Be Made Into the Case by the Board of Police Commissioners.

Frank Brogan, the tramp victim of Officer Capron's ready revolver, is reported by County Physician McIninch to be not suffering great pain today at Christ's hospital.

Brogan remained on the hard bench in the police courtroom until about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the acting city physician having failed to make any provision for the care of the wounded man, Dr. McIninch, the county physician was called and Brogan was transferred to Christ's hospital for treatment.

Drs. J. C. and C. S. McClintock probed for the ball, but did not find it, and they say it is doubtful if the ball will ever give him any trouble, as it is supposed to have lodged in the upper muscles of his leg.

Officer Capron, who did the shooting, tries to explain the act by saying that it was accidental, but this explanation does not relieve him from having disobeyed the orders of Chief Lindsey in regard to the use of his revolver.

Capron went over the ground of the shooting late yesterday afternoon and picked up a small brass ring which he says is a young girl's ring which he had lost while he was trying to get away.

The boy says he lost the ring off his little finger, and as it is not worth more than 15 cents, it is likely that his story is true, and that he did not steal it, as Officer Capron alleges.

The facts of the matter are, Capron was, as Chief Lindsey says, entirely too hasty.

Capron was city marshal of Coffeyville, Kansas, at the time of the celebrated dynamite explosion at that town a few years ago. He was in Topeka all the time during the trial, but for some reason was not called as a witness in the case. Capron relates a story of how he shot a man in the Indian territory while acting as deputy United States marshal. He sets no small value on human life to be extricated with a place on the police force.

The police commissioners will investigate Capron's case at their regular meeting next Saturday night. Meantime, the officer is suspended.

E. E. Shoot of the Pacific, who reported to the police that some one had stolen his pocket book containing \$50, and also had a man arrested at Lawrence on the charge of stealing it, was too rash in jumping to conclusions. He found the pocket book in his coal shed. He had been out there before he hung up the coat in the office, and dropped it while getting some coal.

Superintendent Sudler has issued an order to the nine insurance companies interested in the Norwood case at Larned, in which he gives them notice that they must pay the loss immediately or have their licenses to do business in Kansas suspended.

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AT THE THEATERS.

"Niobe" is a good imitation of "Pygmalion and Galatea"—other attractions.

"Pygmalion and Galatea" was copied pretty cleverly by the company of "Niobe" at the Grand last night, still it was only a copy. The play is not new, and "Niobe" is not so entertaining a piece as "Pygmalion and Galatea," though a little more up to date. Nevertheless, the situations were funny enough to keep the audience laughing most of the time. "Niobe" was written by Harry and Edward Paulson, the authors of the opera of "Erminie," and it shows the touches of humor which made that opera so popular.

The company playing "Niobe" here might be improved considerably, but the play did not seriously suffer from the rather too frisky mannerisms of Harry E. Bell, who played Peter Amos Dunn, Marguerite Frey, who played "Niobe" is a tall, graceful girl with Delairian proportions and the high sense of humor necessary to her part as an amateur comic to life. Lillian Dix, as Helen Griffin "in authority," completed the trio of notable actors in the cast. But Abbott & Tilson's comedy company as those who did not see the play last night need not feel grievously disappointed. The audience was not large.

The White Squadron.

A. V. Pearson's musical drama "The White Squadron" comes to the Grand on Friday and Saturday, March 2d and 3d, with matinee on Saturday afternoon.

The scene of the play opens in Brazil. A man-of-war from each of the principal nations in the world arrives in the harbor of Rio Janeiro to protest formally against the holding of their various citizens by organized bands of brigands in Brazil.

The plot develops an interesting love story and the scenic effects of the play are pretty.

AT MR. ALDERSON'S CHURCH

Miss Blanche Cox, the Salvation Army Leader, will speak.

Staff Captain Blanche Cox, will arrive in the city on Saturday and will conduct a "knee drill" at 7 o'clock Sunday morning.

At 11 o'clock will occur a "Bible meeting," and meetings will follow at 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

All these meetings on Sunday will be held in the Salvation Army hall. On Monday, at 2:30 p.m. Blanche Cox will speak at the First Presbyterian church on the subject, "The Salvation Army at Home and Abroad." In the evening at 7:30 p.m., at the same place, she will speak on the subject, "Sunday."

Lieutenant Owens, who travels with her, is a good singer, and will furnish music at the meetings.

Blanche Cox is a highly educated and refined woman, and is said to come of one of the aristocratic families of England. She was one of the leaders in the slumming work in the large cities.

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

Reverend Wilson, of the Santa Fe, is in Chicago.

Justice Grover has moved his office to 119 Kansas Avenue.

The Madison street boys brigade had a camp fire last night.

Boycies are being brought out from their winter hiding places.

The council school board and ministerial union will meet Monday.

The Hahnman School of Medicine meets every evening of this and next week.

Major Sully is visiting the Ensign Barracks in southern Kansas and Oklahoma.

The commencement of the Kansas Medical college will occur March 28, in Library Hall.

Home Lodge No. 155, Knights of Pythias, gave a popcorn social last night at Castle Hall.

There were thirteen new members received into the First Presbyterian church on last Sunday morning.

A dragger who failed to have his soda water fountain in working order missed a lot of trade yesterday.

Prof. Leonard was conspicuous in a box at the Marlowe's performance. He wears some brilliant diamonds.

Attorney General Little is making an effort to prevent the M. K. & T. from taking its suit to the federal court.

The street sweeper swept Kansas avenue last night, and succeeded in distributing the dirt therein more evenly.

Rev. Frank R. Millsap, who has accepted the call to the deanship of Grace Cathedral, will be installed Friday, April 6th.

The Republican primaries to nominate councilmen, members of the school board and constables will be held Saturday afternoon.

President Harrison may have formed a high opinion of Topeka's weather yesterday. It couldn't be beat even by California.

There are twenty-five pupils in attendance upon the art school. The new term begins March 9, and several new students will enter.

A prominent surgeon in this city has posted a sign in a conspicuous place which reads: "After March 1 all office business will be cash."

There is a feud in the younger society set because one crowd of young men "quarreled" the other crowd. The former are branded as "knockers."

The Lucy Stone memorial services of the Equal Suffrage association will be repeated at the meeting of the association tomorrow afternoon at Music Hall.

Mr. L. Blackburn has donated the use of Metropolitan hall for the metropolitan charity ball to be given March 29th under the auspices of the Trade Assembly.

The Santa Fe expressmen are contemplating the construction of a double track between Emporia and Florence to accommodate the heavy traffic on that division.

The red wagons to carry mail from the postoffice to the depots with the national seal on the sides, will begin operations in Topeka about June. The contract has been let to a Kentucky mail.

Department Commander W. P. Campbell of the G. A. R. and Adjutant Adjutant-General Charles Haitian have arrived from Wichita, and have taken possession of the G. A. R. headquarters in the Keith block.

A Methodist song service under the supervision of Bishop Vincent will be held at the First M. E. church Friday evening, and will be participated in by representatives of all the Methodist churches in the city.

To Fort Scott and return at one fare for the round trip, via the Great Rock Island Route.

AT THE CITY HALL.

City Clerk McFadden Agitating a Needed Reform

IN LAWS GOVERNING CITIES.

For One Thing Cities Should Collect Their Own Taxes—Other Legislation

City Clerk S. S. McFadden has commenced early the agitation of a matter of great importance to cities of the first-class in Kansas.

It is a proposition to amend the charters of the cities of the first-class. The present state law providing for the government of the largest cities in Kansas, was passed twenty years ago when there were no cities of over 15,000 except Leavenworth. The laws are decidedly crude and do not begin to meet the demands of a progressive city. When George Tauber was city clerk the officers of the first-class cities of the state, formed an association to urge the proposed reforms. They intended to make their demands of the last legislature, but the unforeseen complications that arose crowded over this with many other matters. Mr. McFadden has taken up this important work where Mr. Tauber left off, and he is receiving enthusiastic support from City Clerk T. B. Geron of Wichita, as well as the officers of Leavenworth, Ft. Scott and Wichita.

The most important of the changes indicated by Mr. McFadden is one by which the cities may collect their own taxes. As it is now the county treasurer collects the city's taxes and pays them to the city treasurer in irregular installments. Great difficulty is sometimes experienced in getting money when it is most needed, and nobody knows without a great deal of figuring how the balance between the two corporations stands. Mr. McFadden thinks the city treasurer should collect the city taxes directly. This law was brought about by a bank failure in Leavenworth during the grasshopper year. The bank in which the city treasurer kept the city's funds deposited failed, and the city lost about half its revenue for the year. This so alarmed the legislature that the primitive law now in force was adopted.

There are many other defects in the present law, equally as crude, which the city clerk would like to see modernized, and thus give the cities of Kansas a metropolitan government like that in other states.

A SHORT SESSION.

The Central Committee Holds a Five-Minute Meeting.

The Republican city central committee held a meeting that lasted five minutes last night, at the office of City Attorney T. B. Elliott, 413 Kansas Avenue. Chairman McFadden called the meeting at the suggestion of Col. Vead and others, who said some of the North Topeka politicians wanted the primaries set for next Saturday, postponed a week.

The cast is considered a strong one. Mr. Elliott has selected the members from his knowledge of their adaptability to their parts. They are expected to arrive in Topeka from the east today.

"Hal" Nelson will be the music advance agent of the troupe. He will advertise it as "the greatest show on earth, endorsed by the press and clergy."

AN OLD SHOW REVIVED.

A "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" Company Started Out.

Charles P. Elliott, manager of the Grand, will start on the road next week with a new company for the presentation of "Ten Nights in a Bar Room." It will give a performance in Topeka some night next week and will play only to interested stands.

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DROPS FIFTY DOLLARS

Into the City Treasury on a Charge of Gambling.

John Collingsworth's case, which was concluded yesterday morning, came up this morning before Judge Ensigning. Collingsworth put up a bond of \$50 security for his appearance this morning and was released.

When his name was called this morning he did not appear and Judge Estes ordered his bond forfeited. This seems to imply that Collingsworth was running a gambling place, sure enough.

The three men who were arrested as inmates of the place, S. Eglington, W. Lock and Ed Johnson, were found reading when the officers entered and as there was no evidence against any of them, they were all discharged. Ed Johnson is an employee of Collingsworth.

CRAP GAMES GO ON

In Billiard Hall at Late Hours As Anywhere.

"Fannie" Welch, who runs a billiard hall at 709 Kansas Avenue, was arrested last night about 1 o'clock, for keeping a gambling house, on the complaint of R. Crawford, a boy who had been in the billiard hall shooting craps and lost about \$7.

Welch says: "I was attending to the games of billiards and pool that were then going on, and it seems some of the boys were shooting craps in the back part of the hall. I did not know anything of the game whatever, until Officer Strode came down and arrested me. I have been here ever since."

The witnesses in the case could not all be present and the case was continued until Saturday morning.

The playing of craps in billiard halls after they are closed up in the evening, is no secret to the police or other people who frequent them. Welch's place is not the only one where crap games go on nearly all night.

TODAY'S AUTHOR AND MUSICIAN.

Tonight at Library Hall, the people of Topeka will listen to one of the finest local entertainments ever given in our city. Nine noted authors will contribute each story, sketch or poem as his or her fancy dictates. In addition to that three of our best musicians will please and charm the audience with selections from the great music masters of the world.

The names of those who participate in the programme are alone sufficient to call out a full house. They are: Mrs. C. S. Gleed, Mrs. Julia Gould Seifert, Mrs. W. A. McCarter, Mrs. J. K. Hudson, Mrs. H. G. Gau, Mrs. G. H. Whitcomb, Edmund F. Ware, Rev. C. M. Sheldon, W. G. Campbell, Joseph G. Waters, James Moore and Dr. H. W. Roby.

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